



## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, the city of Key West is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Key West; and

**Whereas**, home fires killed more than 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires in 2017; and

**Whereas**, Key West's residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

**Whereas**, Key West's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**Whereas**, Key West's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

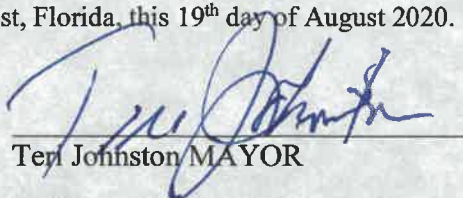
**Whereas**, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme TM, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Teri Johnston Mayor the City of Key West do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020, as

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throughout this City, and I urge all the people of Key West to check their kitchens for fire hazards and to use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2020, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Key West's Fire and Emergency Services.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

  
Teri Johnston MAYOR